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SUBJECT: SADAT MESSAGE TO BEGIN

REF: STATE 52218

1. BEGIN'S VIEW ON THE WEST BANK SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE HAS
COME UP FREQUENTLY IN MY PRESENCE IN RECENT MONTHS.
PARA ONE OF REFTEL ACCURATELY REFLECTS WHAT HE SAID
IN THE DECEMBER 16-17 WHITE HOUSE CONVERSATIONS
ACCORDING TO MY NOTES, WITH ONE EXCEPTION.

2. I AM CERTAIN BEGIN DID NOT SAY IN WASHINGTON, NOR
HAS HE EVER SAID HERE, THAT "HE WOULD NOT ACKNOWLEDGE
ANY OTHER CLAIM TO SOVEREIGNTY. HIS VIEW ON THIS ISSUE
IS AS FOLLOWS: ISRAEL HAS AND MAINTAINS WHAT HE REGARDS
AS A WHOLLY LEGITIMATE CLAIM TO SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE
WEST BANK. UNDER HIS SELF-RULE PROPOSAL, HE AGREES NOT
TO PRESS THAT CLAIM BUT RATHER TO LEAVE IT IN ABEYANCE.
HE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT JORDAN MAY ALSO HAVE A CLAIM TO THE
WEST BANK. SO LONG, HOWEVER, AS RIVAL CLAIMS TO

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SOVEREIGNTY ARE NOT PRESSED, ISRAEL WILL NOT PRESS ITS
CLAIM. IN OTHER WORDS, AND DAYAN HAS MADE THIS POINT
SEVERAL TIMES AS WELL, IF THERE IS AN EFFORT BY JORDAN
TO ASSERT A SOVEREIGNTY CLAIM NOW TO THE WEST BANK, BEGIN
WILL REASSERT ISRAEL'S.
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